

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on
January 2, 2019
In the Office of the Board of Ethics
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Eric A. Kopp, Linda Spahr, Dennis O'Doherty, and David Bekofsky. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director, Darlene Mohlmann, Board Secretary, taking minutes, and Phyllis Gagliardi, Part-time Investigator. *Counsel present:* Christopher Clayton, Esq., and Mary-Ann Czak, Esq.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Eric A. Kopp. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by David Bekofsky, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty, to adopt the agenda, as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Dennis O'Doherty, seconded by David Bekofsky to adopt the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Public Session: Eric A. Kopp opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Eric A. Kopp closed Public Session.

Chair Report: None.

Executive Session: At 9:35 a.m. motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to Counsel Updates in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

At 10:25 a.m. a motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by David Bekofsky to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and/or discussed the following:

- District Attorney's Office requested additional Ethics posters;
- Preliminary review of Board's current procedures;
- Upcoming 2019 trainings;
- Financial Disclosure Statement data entry program nearing production;
- Information Technology technician assignments.

Proposed Amendments to Local Law: The Board discussed potential amendments to the local ethics law.

New Business: Board Elections: Eric A. Kopp called for nominations of Chair. A motion was made by Linda Spahr to nominate Eric A. Kopp for Chair, seconded by David Bekofsky. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

Eric A. Kopp called for nominations of Vice Chair. A motion was made by David Bekofsky to nominate Linda Spahr for Vice Chair, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0). The Board Elections were closed.

Samantha Segal, Executive Director reported that interviews for a temporary office assistant have been scheduled. A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by David Bekofsky, to delegate authority to Eric A. Kopp to effectuate the appointment of a temporary office assistant on behalf of the Board. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Linda Spahr to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0) (10:55 a.m.).